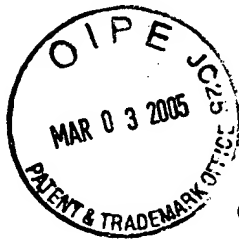


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In re Application of

Kashima, et al.



Serial No.: 09/870,009

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For NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR IDENTIFYING A SOURCE OF GENETIC INFORMATION, AND DNA AND CELL INCLUDING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for excess claims added by the amendment has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>After Amendment</u>	<u>Prev. Paid for</u>	<u>Extra Claims Presented</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
Total claims	23	22	1	50.00	\$50.00
Indep. claims	5	5	0	200.00	\$00.00

Total Additional Fee for this Amendment **\$50.00**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$50.00 to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510 to cover the cost of the Excess Claim Fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phillip E. Miller
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Date: 3/3/05

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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